

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application. The following amendments are without prejudice and do not constitute an admission regarding the patentability of the amended subject matter and should not be so construed.

Claims 1 – 74. (Canceled).

75. (Currently Amended) A pharmaceutical composition for oral administration in a tablet dosage form comprising:

- (a) about 10 to about 40 mg of a non-enteric coated omeprazole or a salt thereof;
- (b) a buffering agent comprising about 1 mEq to about 20 mEq of sodium bicarbonate, ~~in an amount more than about 20 times the amount of the omeprazole on a weight to weight basis in the composition, the buffer comprising sodium bicarbonate;~~ and
- (c) a disintegrant.

76. (Canceled).

77. (Previously Presented) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 75, wherein the disintegrant is croscarmellose sodium.

Claims 78 – 83. (Canceled).

84. (Previously Presented) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 75, wherein the omeprazole is present in an amount of about 20 mg.

85. (Previously Presented) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 75, wherein the omeprazole is present in an amount of about 40 mg.

86. (Previously Presented) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 75, wherein the buffering agent further comprises a buffering agent selected from the group consisting of magnesium hydroxide, magnesium aluminate, magnesium carbonate, magnesium silicate, aluminum hydroxide, calcium acetate, calcium glycerophosphate, calcium hydroxide, calcium lactate, calcium carbonate, or mixtures thereof.

87. (Currently amended) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 75, wherein the buffering agent further comprises magnesium hydroxide.

88. (Currently amended) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 84, wherein the buffering agent ~~sodium bicarbonate~~ is present in an amount of about 7 mEq to about 25 mEq.

89. (Previously Presented) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 77, wherein the omeprazole is micronized.

90. (Canceled).

91. (Currently amended) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 75 or claim 87, wherein the buffering agent ~~sodium bicarbonate~~ is present in an amount of about 1 mEq to about 25 mEq.

92. (Canceled).